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The Listing of Claims set forth below shall replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

{Claim 1} (Currently amended): A method of removing oil from oil containing surfaces, comprising the step of: applying crushed glass to said surface, whereby the quantity of oil is reduced from the surface and wherein the crushed glass is dried to at least 100°F.

{Claim 2} (Currently amended): A method according to {Claim 1}, wherein said surface includes water containing oil.

{Claim 3} (Currently amended): A method according to {Claim 1}, wherein the surface includes saline water containing oil.

{Claim 4} (Currently amended): A method according to {Claim 1}, wherein the surface is earth, ground, dirt, mud or gravel.

{Claim 5} (Currently amended): A method according to {Claim 1} wherein the surface is land surrounding water bodies, land beneath water bodies, sand, seashore, estuary, bay or gulf, oceans, lakes or rivers.

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{EClaim 6} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 1}, wherein the crushed glass is recyclable glass.

{EClaim 7} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 1}, wherein the crushed glass is crushed using an impact crusher, hammer mill, cone crusher or a roller crusher.

{EClaim 8} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 1}, wherein the crushed glass is crushed using a roller crusher

{EClaim 9} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 1}, wherein the crushed glass is pre-crushed and pre-screened.

{EClaim 10} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 1}, wherein the crushed glass is colored glass.

{EClaim 11} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 1}, wherein the crushed glass is further crushed.

{EClaim 12} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 11}, wherein the resultant crushed glass is subsequently screened through at least one mesh.

{EClaim 13} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 12}, wherein the mesh is an inch mesh.

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{EClaim 14} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 11}, wherein the crushed glass is screened through at least two meshes.

{EClaim 15} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 11}, wherein the crushed glass is dried after screening through the mesh.

{EClaim 16} (Cancelled).

{EClaim 17} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 15}, wherein the crushed glass is dried to at least 350°F.

{EClaim 18} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 16}, wherein the crushed glass is further screened through at least a 40 mesh.

{EClaim 19} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 16}, wherein the crushed glass is further screened through a 30 mesh.

{EClaim 20} (Currently amended): A method according to {EClaim 16}, wherein the crushed glass is further screened through a 20 mesh.

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{ECclaim 21} (Currently amended): A method according to {ECclaim 1}, wherein the oil adsorbed on the crushed glass is further recycled as petroleum silica based product, water repellant product, roof shingles or asphalt.

{ECclaim 22} (Currently amended): A method of removing oil from oil containing surfaces, comprising the step of: applying crushed glass to said surface, whereby quantity of oil is reduced from the surface, wherein the crushed glass is pre-crushed, pre-screened, crushed, dried and screened prior to application on the surface.

{ECclaim 23} (Currently amended): A method according to {ECclaim 22}, wherein the crushed glass is dried to temperature about 200-350°F.

{ECclaim 24} (Currently amended): A method according to {ECclaim 22}, wherein the crushed glass is screened with at least a 40 mesh.

{ECclaim 25} (Currently amended): A method according to {ECclaim 21}, wherein the oil adsorbed on the crushed glass is further recycled as petroleum silica based product, water repellant product, roof shingles or asphalt.

{ECclaim 26} (Cancelled).

{ECclaim 27} (Cancelled).

{ECclaim 28} (Cancelled).

{ECclaim 29} (Cancelled).

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{ECClaim 30} (Cancelled).

{ECClaim 31} (Currently amended): A method of ~~preventing containment of~~ oil spills from an oil container, comprising the step of:

surrounding the oil container at least in part with a layer of crushed glass.

{ECClaim 32} (Currently amended): A method according to {ECClaim 31}, wherein the crushed glass is pre-crushed, pre-screened, crushed, dried and screened prior to surrounding the oil container with crushed glass.

{ECClaim 33} (Currently amended): A method according to {ECClaim 32}, wherein the crushed glass is screened with at least a 40 mesh.

{ECClaim 34} (Currently amended): A method according to {ECClaim 32}, wherein the crushed glass is dried to a temperature about 200-350°F.

{ECClaim 35} (Currently amended): A method according to {ECClaim 31}, wherein the oil container is an underground oil storage tank.